



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held April 13, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

"The number one preventable cause of death and injury of children and young adults is the automobile collision. Approximately 150 children under sixteen are killed and over 24,000 injured in automobile collisions each year in California. Up to 71% of these children would be alive today if they had been properly restrained in crash-tested car safety belts. Infants and young children are not capable of initiating action to use proper restraints and are not protected adequately by automatic belts or air bags.

"Only about 60% of children in this age group are protected by regular restraint use *on every ride*. Crash tested safety seats are moderately priced and widely available for purchase at retail stores, and at low cost from car safety seat distribution programs throughout California.

"The State of California has ruled that until children are both six years of age and sixty pounds or more, they must be restrained in child safety seats when riding in motor vehicles and that all other occupants must use safety belts. The goal of SafetyBeltSafe U.S.A. is to further the right of every child to protection from injury or death while being transported in a motor vehicle."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), the Board declared April 18 through April 24, 2004, as "Safety Seat Checkup Week" throughout Los Angeles County.

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